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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
A. JOHN APPLEBY
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Serial No.: 09/779,683

Filed: February 8, 2001

For: ELECTRONICALLY CONDUCTING
FUEL CELL COMPONENT WITH
DIRECTLY BONDED LAYERS AND
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1746

Examiner: M. Wills

Atty. Dkt. No.: TAMK:224
12740.0224.NPUS00

RESPONSE OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 26, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was November 26, 2003.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to January 26, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should any additional fees be required for any reason

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relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0224.NPUS00.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Exhibit** entitled **Exhibit A** is attached to this paper.